

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 168

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Chuck McGill of Humboldt.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Chuck McGill; and

WHEREAS, Chuck McGill was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McGill was born on December 15, 1954, to Doris Kathleen Buckingham and Charles Henry McGill, Sr. He grew up and lived in the Highway 186 community for nearly sixty-one years, and he was a 1973 graduate of Humboldt High School; and

WHEREAS, it was at Humboldt High School that Chuck McGill found his lifelong love in music. He played alto saxophone in the Humboldt High School band, and he attributed his early musicianship to band director Tom Hay; and

WHEREAS, wanting to turn his passion into a career, Mr. McGill joined his first band, the Turkey Creek Bottom Band, whose first performance was at Dr. Tom Crenshaw's barn in Crockett County; and

WHEREAS, Chuck McGill was skilled in a variety of instruments, including the pedal steel guitar and tenor saxophone, and versatile in numerous musical genres. This array of talent led him to support hundreds of bands across a host of venues from the 1950s through the 1970s, including the Miss Tennessee Pageant, the Kool 103.1 Caravan of Stars, the Jackson Amp, the Bandstand Review, the Jackson Community Swing Orchestra, and the Paula Bridges Band; and

WHEREAS, it was with the Paula Bridges Band that Chuck McGill met the love of his life, Paula Bridges. Married in 1982, the two musicians continued to make music together for thirty-five years and had a loyal following until the time of Mr. McGill's passing; and

WHEREAS, both Chuck McGill and Paula Bridges said that no other show could compare to the ones they performed with their two daughters, Katie and Emily; and

WHEREAS, Chuck McGill was a selfless musician who never cared for the limelight and always wanted his fellow musicians to shine as brightly as they could when they shared the stage. He received awards and recognition for his service to the communities of West Tennessee, in particular for his frequent contributions to the Star Center and the Carl Perkins Child Abuse Center; and

WHEREAS, Chuck McGill was an active and devout member of the Humboldt First United Methodist, which he served faithfully for many years by operating the church's sound system every Sunday, and he and his family were regular performers during service; and

WHEREAS, Chuck McGill leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors. More than 700 people attended his memorial service, and now the music stages of Tennessee all play a slightly sadder song; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant, musician, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Chuck McGill, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. McGill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.